



Agency Information Collection Activities: Budget Expense Worksheet

AGENCY: Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) gives notice that it is requesting from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection EAC Budget Expenditures Worksheet (EAC-BEW). The EAC proposes to identify and collect budget and expense activity data for HAVA. The EAC will use this data to ensure grantees are proceeding in a satisfactory manner in meeting the approved goals and purpose of the project.

DATES: Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern on Friday, June 24, 2022.

ADDRESSES: To view the proposed EAC-BEW format, see: <https://www.eac.gov/payments-and-grants/reporting>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the EAC-BEW, contact Kinza Ghaznavi, Office of Grants, Election Assistance Commission, Grants@eac.gov. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to Grants@eac.gov. All requests and submissions should be identified by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number

EAC Budget Expenditures Worksheet (EAC-BEW); OMB Number Pending.

Purpose

The EAC Office of Grants Management (EAC/OGM) is responsible for awarding, distributing, monitoring, and providing technical assistance to states and grantees on the use of federal funds.

EAC/OGM also reports on how the funds are spent, negotiates indirect cost rates with grantees, and resolves audit findings on the use of HAVA funds.

The EAC-BEW is to be employed for all grants issued under HAVA authority. The EAC-BEW will directly benefit award recipients by making it easier for them to monitor budgets and expenses on their federal grant and cooperative agreement programs through standardization of the types of information found in the worksheet- thereby reducing their administrative effort and costs.

The requirement for grantees to report on performance is OMB grants policy. Specific citations are contained in Code of Federal Regulations TITLE 2, PART 200—UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS.

Public Comments

After obtaining and considering public comment, the EAC will prepare the format for final clearance.

The EAC is soliciting public comments on:

- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected from respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Respondents: All EAC grantees and state governments.

Annual Reporting Burden

Annual Burden Estimates

EAC Grant	Instrument	Total number of respondents	Total number of responses per year	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
TBD	EAC-BEW	56	1	.5	28
TOTAL		56	1	.5	28

The estimated cost of the annualized cost of this burden is: \$658, which is calculated by taking the annualized burden (28 hours) and multiplying by an hourly rate of \$23.50 (GS-8/Step 5 hourly basic rate).

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